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The Honorable Eric N. Vitaliano  
U.S. District Court Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: U.S.A. v. Mecheal Leslie, 19 CR 503 (ENV)

Your Honor:

I write to request a modification of Mr. Leslie's bond. The government and Pretrial Services have no objection to this request.

Mr. Leslie was released on a \$50,000 bond, which restricted his travel to New York City and Long Island. Mr. Leslie runs his own trucking business, and believed that he would be able to hire drivers to cover his out of city and state trucking jobs. Unfortunately, paying a driver to take these jobs has not turned out to be financially viable. Mr. Leslie respectfully requests a modification of his bond to permit him to take out of city and state trucking jobs.

Mr. Leslie generally receives the bids for the jobs, in advance, and would be able to forward them to Pretrial Services. The bids show the dates of the jobs, and the pick up and delivery locations. Mr. Leslie usually bids on jobs that either begin or end in New York.

As noted above, I have confirmed that neither Assistant U. S. Attorney Gillian Kassner nor Pretrial Services Officer Lourdes Vazquez have any objection to this modification request. The modification would only extend to his business travel.

Respectfully submitted,

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